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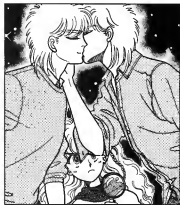
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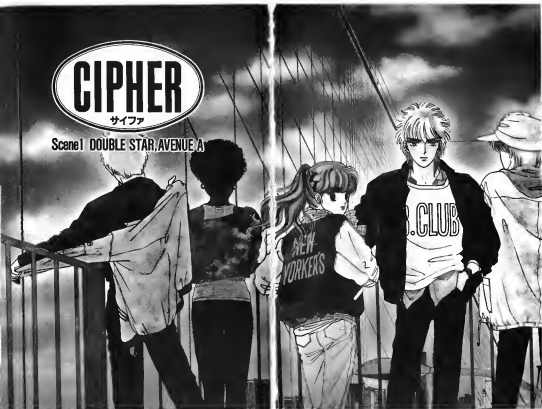
Scene 1: Double Star. Avenue A.....3



CIPHER

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Scene1 DOUBLE STAR AVENUE A





HELLO! IT'S ME
HARITA THERE
AND NOW ENOUGH
I DECIDED TO
MAKE A COMIC
BOOK. IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE
I DID
MY LAST COMIC.

SO, THIS TIME
AROUND I AM
GOING TO MAKE
A CHANGE TO
MY USUAL WAY
OF DOING THINGS
AND USE THIS
STORY TO HAVE
THE TWO ACT
OUT THE HIGH-
LIGHTS OF
THIS STORY.



YOU MAY ALREADY
KNOW THEM BY
THEIR PROLOGUE.
IT'S A BIT LONG
BUT I'LL PUT IT
IN THE LEFT
AND SINCE ON
THE RIGHT, OTHER
COMIC BOOKS WILL
APPEAR IN YOUR
REGULAR SIZE. CHIEF
THE THREE BOYS
WILL APPEAR AN LITTLE
BIGGER. FIND THE
SCENES, COME AND
LET'S START!



IT
DOES-
NT
REALLY
MEAN
ANY-
THING.



NAH,
I'M A
PROT-
ES-
TANT.

ARE
YOU
HINDU
SNA?!

ACTU-
ALLY, IT'S
MOSTLY
WOMEN
WHO
WEAR
A BINDI.



WELL,
THAT'S
OKAY.

I HAVE
A MOLE IN
EXACTLY
THE SAME
PLACE.



SOT

UHL...
OKAY.



CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

IT
SHOWS
THAT WE
OUGHT
TO BE
FRIENDS!



BUT
WHY
ME?

U H...

I
SAID
IT!

blown
away by
her
power.

YOU'VE
GOT
A MARK
ON YOUR
FORE-
HEAD.

WHAT
IS
THAT?

T
HIGHT!
T
HIGHT!



IT'S
A "BINDI."
IT'S
A SACRED
MARK
FROM
HINDUISM.

MY
GRAND-
MOTHER
WAS
HINDU.

THIS?



HE'S A
PROFESSIONAL
ACTOR.

AND NOT
JUST HERE.
HE'S PRETTY
FAMOUS ALL
OVER
AMERICA.

CIPHER

AND HE
STARTED
ACTING
ON HIS
OWN.

SIVA
ENROLLED
HERE AT
THE FINE
ARTS HIGH
SCHOOL.

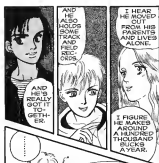
NOT JUST
RECENTLY.
EITHER.
HE'S BEEN
WORKING FOR
A WHILE.

WHEN
HE WAS
A BABY,
HE AND
HIS TWIN
BROTHER
WERE
CHILD
ACTORS.

WHEN
THEY GOT
TO HIGH
SCHOOL,
HIS
BROTHER
QUIT.

SIVA







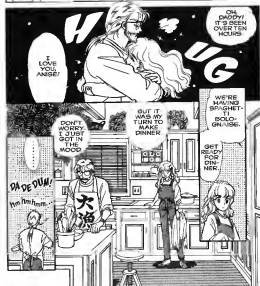












SHE
NEVER
BACKS
DOWN
AN
INCH.



SHE'S
HARD-
HEADED.

BUT
MAYBE
IN A
FEW
YEARS...

...SHE'LL
MATURE
INTO
A FINE
YOUNG
WOMAN.



THAT'S
WHERE
SIVA...

DID
HE GET
BLOODED
IN THE
FIGHT?

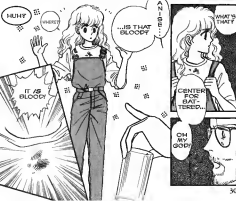


WHEN
DID HE
GET
HURT?

AT
ANY
RATE,
HE
HELPED
YOU
OUT.



YOU
SHOULD
TELL
SIVA
YOU'RE
GRATE-
FUL.



HUNY

WHERE?

...IS THAT
BLOODY?

A NISE...



WHAT'S THAT?

CENTER
FOR
BAT-
TERED...



OH MY
GOD!





WHY AM
I HAPPY?

WHY IS
THAT?

MAYBE
WHAT
HE
MEANS
IS...

WHEN HE'S
ALLOWED SOMEONE
TO BE HIS FRIEND,
HE'D DO ANYTHING
TO PROTECT
THEM.

IF I RAN
ACROSS
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT AGAIN...

I'D PROBABLY
JUMP
IN.

SUIT
YOUR-
SELF.

I'D
STILL
TRY
AND
STOP
YOU.

HUH?

SOMEHOW,
THAT
MAKES ME
HAPPY.

SMILE

WHY ARE
YOU
SMILING?

YOU'RE...
UH... KINDA
WEIRD.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

AND
THAT
GUY.
HE
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
A REAL
FAN OF
YOURS.

EVEN IF
IT'S THE
TOTAL
OPPOSITE
FROM ME,
I STILL
LOVE
IT!

I LOVE IT
THAT YOU
CAN JUST
SAY
WHAT YOU
REALLY
THINK!



SAY, ANISE.

I'M GOING SHOPPING, AND THEN TO WORK. I'LL SEE YOU LATER, OKAY?

YEAH? WHAT IS IT?



FORGOT SOME-THINGS, DIDN'T YOU?

LEAVING WITH-OUT GIVING IT TO ME?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



GRAB IT FROM HIM WHEN HE'S GONE WITH IT.



HALL AND GAGE?

CAN I BORROW IT NEXT?



OKAY.

BOOKS TO-TO-TO.



THAT'S GOTTA BE IT!

AS SOON AS HE HEARD YOU WERE SIVA, HE BACKED OFF!



SHE REALLY IS NAIVE.

STAR



SO THE CUT WASN'T THAT DEEP.

SAY... YOU TOOK THE BANDAGE OFF.



HAZEL EYES.

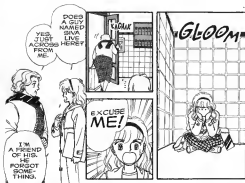


HONEY BLONDE HAIR.



I THINK I'VE STARTED TO LIKE HER.













BUT THAT'S
NOT REALLY
TRUE,
IS IT?

YOU
YOURSELF
SAID THAT
"FRIENDSHIP
IS THE
HIGHEST
FORM OF
RESPECT
THERE
IS."



NO!

YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG!

YOU JUST
WON'T LET
PEOPLE GET
CLOSE TO YOU,
SO THEY
DON'T FIND
OUT YOUR
SECRET!

NO,
NO,
NO!



OKAY /
FINE/
YOU'VE
BEEN
SWITCHING
EVERY
DAY!

WELL,
MAKE
UP
YOUR
MIND.

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
BELIEVE
IT IF YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO.

AND,
REALLY,
WE ONLY
SWITCHED
FOR TODAY.

I DON'T
BELIEVE
THAT,
EITHER!



HOW
CAN YOU
DO THIS?
YOU'VE
BEEN LYING
TO ALL
YOUR
FRIENDS!



UNTIL
TODAY,
NOBODY
FIGURED
IT OUT.

WHAT
ABOUT
US?

SEEMS
THEY DON'T
PAY TOO
MUCH
ATTENTION
TO US, DO
THEY?

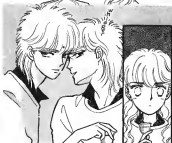
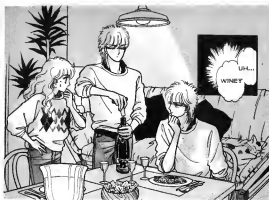
I NOTICED!

WHAT'S
THE
DIFFERENCE
NOBODY
NOTICED.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'D BE SO
INSULTING
TO EVERY-
BODY!







MATCHING CLOTHES,
WINE, WHISPERING
TO EACH OTHER,
AND THEY LOOK AT
ME LIKE THEY HAVE
ALL THE TIME IN
THE WORLD.

BLEEH

NOT
ON
YOUR
LIFE!

SO
YOU GIVE
UP?

IF THEY
HAVE
THE SAME
PEDIGREE,
THEY LOOK
THE SAME.
YOU CAN'T
TELL THEM
APART.

SIVA

WHICH
ONE
ARE YOU?

U...

SIVA
ON THE
RIGHT.

AND
CIPHER'S
THE ONE
WITH HIS
SLEEVES
ROLLED
UP.

IT'S LIKE
THEY'RE
TOTALLY
MESSING
WITH
MY MIND.

WELL?

FEEL
LIKE
YOU
CAN
TELL
YET?

HICCUP

YOU'RE
LIKE TWO
PEDIGRESSED
CATS
ROLLING
AROUND
TOGETHER.

WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEANT

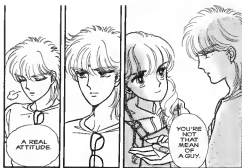




THE WAY TO TELL THEM APART WITHOUT RELYING ON LOOKS IS...

...ALL RIGHT, LET'S START ALL OVER.





OKAY DO WHAT YOU WANT.

...ONLY IF YOUR PARENTS AGREE.

...BUT...









IT ITCHED SO MUCH THAT IT MADE ME CRY.



WHEN WE WERE STILL A FAMILY OF FOUR, MY SKIN WAS WEAK AND I HAD A LOT OF ECZEMA.

...MOM WOULD GET THE TALCON POWDER.



WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE BATH...







UH...



CUT IT OUT!

CAN YOU PUT BARBIE CLOTHES ON HIM?

AND STOP TAKING OFF HIS CLOTHES!





ONLY A THREE-YEAR-OLD WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT. ME? DON'T BLAME ME!

THE THREE-YEAR-OLD NEXT DOOR DOESN'T NEED THINGS LIKE THAT.



ARE YOU TWO GONNA SLEEP TOGETHER?

I THINK I'LL CRASH EARLY. I'VE GOT A LOCATION SHOOT TOMORROW.

AT LEAST LEAVE HALF THE BED OPEN. THAT IS PRETTY SELFISH.

I'LL TRY.

YOU CAN USE MY ROOM.



AND A WHAT'S LIT-THIS? FILE CANS-TER?



JUST LEAVE MY STUFF ALONE!



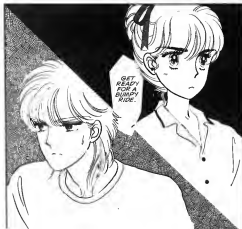
CLANK

IT'S FOR MY TAMPONS.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT HERE.

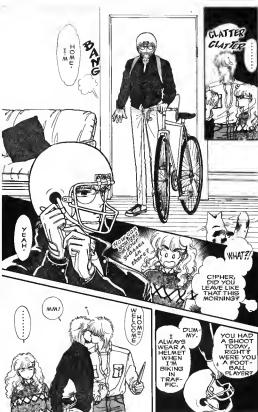
AND I'LL NEED IT IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

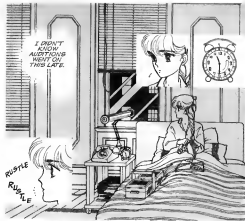












AT FIRST THEY WERE A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT DEALING WITH THEIR FRIENDS, BUT AS TIME WENT BY THEY GOT USED TO IT.

SOMETIMES THEY MADE A FEW MISTAKES ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT SCHOOL, BUT THEY USED TAKING TIME OFF FOR WORK AS AN EXCUSE, AND EVERYBODY ELSE BOUGHT IT.



OCCASIONALLY THEY'D EVEN GO OUT TOGETHER, SAYING "MY BROTHER'S IN TOWN."

TONIGHT I'M GOING TO SWITCH BE WITH CIPHER GET- SO HE CAN TING TO AN BACK AUDITION. LATE.





















YOU'RE NOT THAT MEAN OF A GUY.







DARN IT!
DARN IT!
THAT
WORTHLESS,
LOUSY...

...SELFISH
JERK!



BUT
I'M
NOT A
FRIEND,
AM I?

YOU
SAID I'M
NOT A
STRANG-
ER.



.....



YOU
JUST CAN'T
GO AROUND
SAVING ALL
THE GIRLS OF
NEW YORK.
IS THAT
IT?

THAT'S
IT!
IT!

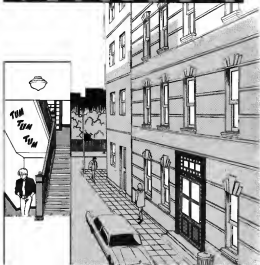


BUT
STILL...

THAT'S WHY YOU
WON'T LET ME
CALL YOU BY
YOUR REAL NAME.
IT'S BECAUSE
I'M NOT A REAL
FRIEND YET.

JUST BECAUSE
YOU WON'T HELP
ME. IT DOESN'T
GIVE ME
THE RIGHT TO
BLAME YOU.

BUT
STILL...























MY
GOD...

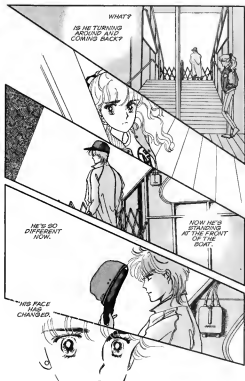
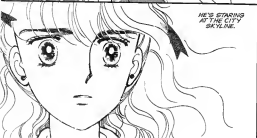
HE LOOKS
LIKE
A PICTURE
OF A PASSED
OUT OLD
ALCOHOLIC.

...NO!
I CAN'T
LOOK!

TWITCH

WHAT
THE...?







THAT
TIME
JUST
LIKE
ME...

HE
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
SCARED,
TOO.



"DON'T
LOOK
BACK."



"SHOW ANY
WEAKNESS,
AND YOU
LOSE."



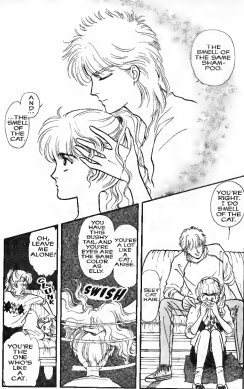
THAT'S
COPPER'S
RITUAL.



WHEN HE'S
UNEASY, OR
WORRIED ABOUT
SOMETHING.

IT'S LIKE
THE BATH I
TAKE WHEN
I FEEL LIKE
JUST
GIVING UP.

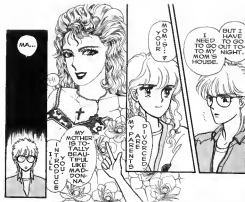
HE LEAVES
MANHATTAN,
AND THEN HE
COMES BACK.















WHAT IS THIS?
I WAS DRAWN LIKE A LITTLE KID.

These kids look like Siva and Cipher but they're not related to them. Kidding! (Perhaps Siva and Cipher time traveled to the present?). Please read Cipher 2! See you again!



I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT IT.

I'M THE ONE WHO LET IT HAPPEN.

SAY, JES-SICA.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF SIVAY?



NOW GET TO BED!

YOU'RE WAY TOO YOUNG FOR THAT!



ARE YOU IMAGINING SOMETHING NAUGHTY?

OH NO?



GIRL-TALK.



SOME BOY CYCLED ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH AN ARTIFICIAL LEG.

MARTIN JUST HAS A BIT OF A LAMP.



I HEAR MARTIN'S IN THE CYCLING CLUB.

ARE HIS LEGS OKAY?



I CAN SEE YOU'RE AS LIVELY AS EVER.

AND I PLAN TO STAY THAT WAY.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK.

YEAH

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

WHY DID YOU MOVE IN WITH HIM?

IT'S NOT THE NEIGHBORHOOD I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED.

ANISE...

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT HIM, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

OF COURSE. I WAS EVEN A REPORTER FOR A WHILE.

AND HE GOES TO YOUR SCHOOL, DOESN'T HE?

SHOCK

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN STAYING AT HIS APARTMENT THESE LAST TWO WEEKS, HAVE YOU?

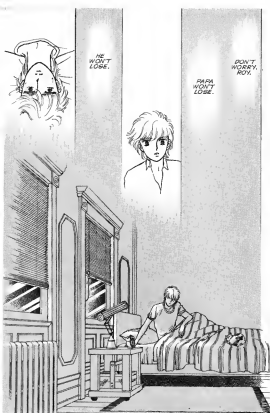
IS THIS THE GIRL TALK YOU—

THEN YOU WERE AT GINA'S PLACE.

YEAH.

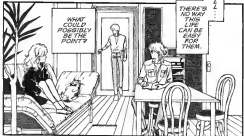
DID YOU HEAR IT FROM ROBY?

SILENCE





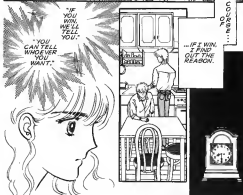


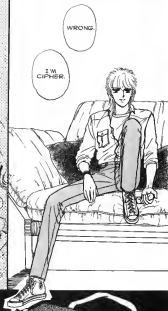


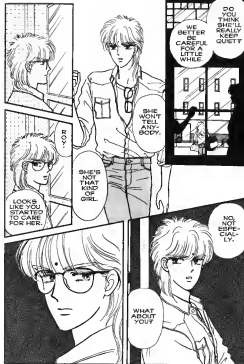


WHICH
ONE
AM I?

IT'S
THE
LAST
TIME.











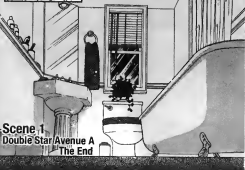


CIPHER
ALWAYS
SHOWS
HIS
EMOTIONS
CLEARLY.

I WASN'T
COMPLETELY
SURE, BUT
THE LAST TIME
I THOUGHT
IT WAS
CIPHER.

YET STILL, HE'S
ALWAYS STRONG,
ALWAYS RELAXED,
ALWAYS
THREATENING.

SIVA
ALWAYS
FOLLOWS
HIM,
AND
SUPPORTS
HIM.



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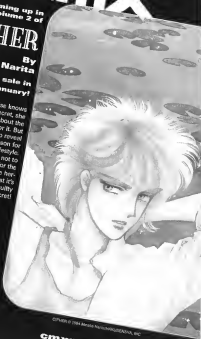
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Now that Anise knows
the twins' secret, she
wonders about the
motivations for it. But
they have yet to reveal
to her the reason for
this bizarre lifestyle.
She decides not to
press them for the
answer, since she her-
self knows what it's
like to have a guilty
secret!



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Can siblings be so close that they become the same person?



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